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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BLAKE

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FOR CHARGE FROM DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BLAKE

1. RE PARA 3 REFTTEL, REGRET VERY MUCH THAT PRIOR COMMITMENTS AT BOTH ENDS OF ITINERARY PRECLUDE ATTENDANCE AT OMEGA INAUGURATION.
2. TRUST PROGRAM FOR VISIT WILL PERMIT CALLS ON LIBERIAN OFFICIALS AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL TO PERMIT EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON BILATERAL RELATIONS. WOULD ALSO BE MOST INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO OBTAIN THEIR VIEWS ON LIBERIAN ECONOMIC SITUATION AND PROSPECTS FOR PRIVATE AMERICAN INVESTMENT AND US TRADE WITH LIBERIA. (IN ORDER TO MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE, PERHAPS ANY SUCH MEETING COULD BE COLLECTIVE AFFAIR RATHER THAN SERIES OF MEETINGS OR CALLS.) VISIT TO REPRESENTATIVE AMERICAN PRIVATE INVESTMENT WOULD ALSO APPEAR WORTHWHILE AS WELL AS VISIT TO ANY US AID PROJECTS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST.

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3. FOREGOING SUGGESTIONS ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY. LEAVE TO
EMBASSY'S BEST JUDGMENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN LIGHT
AVAILABLE TIME, AND LOCAL CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDING
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